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Mr. Nathan Williams  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPDATING INFORMATION IN A LOW-BANDWIDTH CLIENT/SERVER OBJECT-ORIENTED SYSTEM

Inventors: Arnold et al.

Application No. 09/518,753  
Our File: SRI1P013X1

Filed: March 3, 2000  
Your File: P-3879

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to follow up on our letter of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000 concerning the above-referenced patent application. We are again enclosing copies of the application as well as a declaration and an assignment for your execution. We would greatly appreciate it if you would review the above-referenced patent application, and assuming all is in good order, execute the Declaration and Assignment, and return the same to our office by August 10, 2000.

Since our last letter, SRI has gone through its files to locate your Employment Agreement with SRI International, a copy of which is enclosed. The Employment Agreement clearly states your agreement to assist in obtaining and enforcing patents filed by SRI International. The Employment Agreement further states that your obligations to SRI International with regards to obtaining and enforcing patents do not end with the termination of your employment with SRI International. One aspect of assisting in obtaining patents is to review the application papers and execute the declaration relating to inventions you participated in. We trust you will honor these agreements.

Your Employment Agreement also indicates that you have an obligation to effect a transfer of ownership of the subject matter of the above-referenced patent application to SRI International. As such, I would ask you to execute the Assignment at this time. If it is still the case that you prefer not to sign the Assignment due to outstanding issues you have with SRI International, I would hope that you would at least consider executing the Declaration since again, we understand that as we understand you were a key contributor to the concepts claimed in this application.

Pursuant to your Employment Agreement, SRI International would be willing to pay you for the time you spend reviewing the application, at a reasonable rate. If such payment would

increase your willingness to review the application and to execute the Declaration and the Assignment, I would certainly be willing to discuss such payment with SRI International.

I understand from our telephone conversation of July 11, 2000 that you would like to prevent SRI International from obtaining a patent for the above-referenced patent application so that you and/or others may apply concepts disclosed in the above-referenced patent application in the future. Please note that the Memo regarding your termination and your Employment Agreement both clearly state that even after your departure from SRI International, you have a continuing obligation not to use or to disclose such concepts to anyone. Again, we trust you will honor these agreements.

We would also remind you that we have a duty to disclose the most pertinent prior art which we are aware of to the Patent Office. If you know of any references that are relevant to the Patentability of the enclosed application, I would ask that you enclose those with the executed Declaration and Assignment when you return the latter to our office.

We look forward to receiving the executed Declaration and Assignment in the near future and in any case in good time before the due date of August 10,2000.

Best regards,

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Enclosures